

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

By such a configuration, for example, by connecting the television set to the image reproduction apparatus such as a DVD player, a ~~VTR~~ VCR or the like, the user can view the animated Web instruction manual regarding the image reproduction apparatus on the screen of the television connected thereto. [A s] As a result, the user can easily understand the operation of the apparatus.

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to the accompanying drawings, preferred embodiments of the present invention will be described. FIG. 1 shows a network system according to the first embodiment of the present invention. This network system 1, which corresponds to the Internet shopping system in claims, includes a maker side Web server 2 that is supplied to a maker manufacturing, for example, a Digital Versatile Disc (DVD) player and distributes Web instruction manual data regarding the product manufactured by the maker, a merchant side Web server 3 supplied to a merchant (or, more generally, seller) that buys the product from the maker for selling it, and a variety of information equipment supplied to a consumer of the product offered for sale at a shopping site 9 set up on the merchant side Web server 3. The information equipment is, more particularly,

any of a personal computer (PC) 4, a Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) 5 such as a cellphone or the like, and a WebTV 6. The PC 4 corresponds to the claimed client computer ~~in claims 4 to 6~~. The maker side Web server 2, the merchant side Web server 3, and the information equipment such as, for example, the PC 4 are connected to each other via the Internet 7. The PC 4, the PDA 5, and the WebTV 6, which are the information equipment, have respective storage devices 4a, 5a, and 6a. Stored in each of the storage devices 4a, 5a, and 6a are a Web browser as a program for display of a home page and a Flash player as a plug-in for displaying an animation on a display via the Web browser.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to FIGS. 3 to 6, a description will be made as to the animated Web instruction manual that is displayed on the display of the PC 4 or other information equipment. FIGS. 3 to 6 illustrate a Web instruction manual 21 in the case where the product of for which the operation check is required by the user is a DVD player. In response to a request from the user for operation check on the DVD player offered for sale at the shopping site 9, the PC 4 or other information equipment displays on a display 20 (~~display device in claim 3~~) the initial frame of the Web instruction manual 21 as shown in FIG. 3. In the initial frame of the Web instruction manual 21, an image 22 of the DVD player as the object of the operation check is displayed together with an operation check menu

23 regarding the DVD player. If the user selects "1. Play" from the menu 23 in order to check the playback operation of the DVD player, the PC 4 or other information equipment displays, as shown in FIG. 4, a message 24 "Step 1 Press POWER button." with an instruction circle 26 appearing around the POWER button 25 on the screen. Thus, the user is prompted to depress the POWER button 25. The instruction circle 26 is shown by orange blinking light for calling the user's attention.